SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1, as follows:

This is a continuation of application no. 09/501,666 filed February 10, 2000, <u>now</u> .
<u>U.S. Patent No. 6,331,997 issued Dec. 18 2001,</u> which is a continuation of PCT/CN98/00151, filed August 4, 1998.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 23, as follows:

Of all the values of the basic pulses' intervals mentioned above, only one is an odd number larger than the smallest interval's value, i.e., the coding length is odd, while the rest <u>of the</u> intervals' values are all even. Moreover, any interval's value can not be the sum of any other two or more interval values.